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TEL AVIV FOR MARK FELDMAN (DEPT/L)

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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: OECD SUPPORT FOR ILLICIT PAYMENTS AGREEMENT

REF: (A) STATE 127544, (B) PARIS 14369 (NOTAL)

1. SECRETARY'S LETTER TO DE GUIRINGAUD WAS DELIVERED
TO FOREIGN MINISTER'S CABINET MAY 19 PROMPTLY FOLLOWING
ITS RECEIPT HERE. HOWEVER, GIVEN HIS PREOCCUPATION
WITH CRISIS EVENTS IN SHABA, WE DOUBT MINISTER WOULD
HAVE CHANCE TO CONSIDER IT IMMEDIATELY.

2. SIMULTANEOUSLY, COPIES OF SECRETARY'S LETTER WERE
PASSED INFORMALLY BOTH TO QUAI'S LEGAL AFFAIRS OFFICE
(CADET) AND OECD LIAISON OFFICE (DE MONTFERRAND).
THESE WERE THE MOST SENIOR OFFICIALS AVAILABLE. REF A,
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PARA 6, TALKING POINTS WERE PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED
WITH BOTH OF THEM.

3. INITIAL REACTION OF THESE WORKING-LEVEL CONTACTS
IS THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE VERY SQUEEZED FOR TIME.
THEY FIND IT DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW WE WILL BE ABLE TO
REACH AN OECD CONSENSUS ON AN INTERNATIONAL BRIBERY

CONVENTION BETWEEN NOW AND MID-JUNE OECD MINISTERIAL. BOTH MEN NOTED THE FACT THAT THE QUAI HAD JUST LEARNED OF OUR DESIRE FOR OECD CONSULTATIONS BEGINNING MAY 31. (N.B. STATE 121385 WAS RECEIVED BY EMBASSY PARIS AND OECD MORNING OF MAY 20 FOLLOWING OUR REQUEST FOR ITS TRANSMITTAL.)

4. WHILE OUR CONTACTS CONTINUE TO HINT AT SOME FRENCH FLEXIBILITY ON SUBSTANCE AS REPORTED IN REF B, THEY STRESS THAT COMPLICATED ISSUES INVOLVED WILL TAKE TIME TO TREAT SATISFACTORILY. CADET SIMPLY NOTED THAT REF A PARA 6 TALKING POINTS DID NOT SEEM TO REFLECT ANY CHANGES IN US POSITIONS. WE RESPONDED THAT THIS FRENCH PERCEPTION IS GOOD EXAMPLE OF WHY QUICK BILATERAL TALKS ARE NECESSARY BETWEEN THOSE DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE.

5. FOREIGN MINISTER DE GUIRINGAUD ALMOST CERTAINLY WILL LOOK TO QUAI LEGAL ADVISER DELACHARRIERE FOR SENIOR-LEVEL ADVICE ON THIS SUBJECT. WE HAVE THEREFORE GOTTEN CADET'S ASSURANCE THAT HE WILL BRING THIS MATTER URGENTLY TO DELACHARRIERE'S ATTENTION AS SOON AS THE LATTER RETURNS TO PARIS FROM GENEVA LOS CONFERENCE. HE IS EXPECTED BACK ON MAY 22 OR 23. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, FRENCH OFFICIALS SAID THERE WOULD BE NO POINT IN US REPS COMING TO PARIS AS SOON AS MAY 23, ONE POSSIBILITY SUGGESTED IN REF A. WE WILL CONTINUE TO URGE
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FRENCH AGREEMENT TO DEPARTMENT'S PREFERRED DATES OF MAY 29-30 FOR BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS JUST PRIOR TO PLANNED OECD CONSULTATIONS.
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